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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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TAGS : CASC (ROBBINS, MYRNA LEE)

SUBJECT : W/W MYRNA LEE ROBBINS

REF : STATE 219362

1. EMBASSY SPOKE WITH DR. PRADO ON TELEPHONE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD VISITED SUBJECT IN HOSPITAL BUT THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT HER AS A PATIENT IN HIS CLINIC.

2. FOR DEPT'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION: MISS ROBBINS ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA AIRPORT FROM SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS ABOARD AVIATECA SEP 1 IN TRANSIT TO LOS ANGELES. SHE BAREFOOTED, HAS FIVE DOLLARS AND SUFFERING FROM EXTREME MALNUTRITION (5'2" TALL, WEIGHING ABOUT 60 LBS.). PAN AM CONCERNED ABOUT CARRYING HER IN THAT CONDITION. PAN AM STAFF PHYSICIAN SAW HER AT AIRPORT AND RECOMMENDED SHE BE PLACED IN HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION AND OBSERVATION. CONOFF AND PAN AM DIRECTOR TRIED REACH FATHER BY TELEPHONE UNSUCCESSFULLY. FINALLY TELEPHONED PAN AM LOS ANGELES AND ASKED THEM TO CONTACT FAMILY. MOTHER TELEPHONED EMBASSY AFTERNOON SEPT 1 GIVING IMPRESSION THAT, IF NECESSARY, SHE WOULD COME GUATEMALA ESCORT DAUGHTER HOME. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HERRERA LLANDI HOSPITAL REPORTED TO EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 1 THAT HE OF OPINION SUBJECT ABLE TO TRAVEL IF ACCOMPANIED AND THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH PAN AM DOCTOR. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED SHE BE SENT TO PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC IN CALIFORNIA WHICH COULD ALSO TREAT HER FOR HER NUTRITIONAL PROBLEM. ON SEPT 2 PAN AM AGREED TO CARRY HER IF ACCOMPANIED.

3. GIVEN REFUSAL OF HER FAMILY AND DR. PRADO TO HELP HER EMBASSY
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BELIEVES ONLY RECOURSE IS FOR USG PAY TRAVEL COSTS FOR ACCOMPANING

ATTENDENT COST ROUND TRIP GUATEMALA-LOS ANGELES \$418.52 PLUS ONE DAY PER DIEM. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS AVIATECA AIRLINES ASSUMING HOSPITAL COSTS HERE IN GUATEMALA BUT HERRERA LLANDI IS PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND THIS ARRANGEMENT CAN NOT LAST LONG. IN FACT, AVIATECA INITIALLY PROPOSED SHE BE SENT BACK TO SAN PEDRO SULA, HER POINT OF ORIGIN. ALTERNATIVE IS TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE HER TRANSFERRED TO PUBLIC HOSPITAL AS CHARITY CASE BUT IN LIGHT ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S OPINION SHE NEEDS PSYCHIATRIC CARE AS WELL BELIEVE IT IS IN SUBJECT'S BEST INTEREST TO BE RETURNED TO U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HAVE HEW OR CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES ARRANGE FOR CARE.

4. REQUEST DEPT. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ROUND TRIP TICKET AND ONE DAY PERDIEM FOR ATTENDENT BY RETURN TELEGRAM (MISS ROBBINS HAS HER TICKET).

5. SUBJECT SHOULD BE MET IN LOS ANGELES BY HEW.
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